

Subject: Meeting Summary of third meeting of the Permit Task Force
Date: March 11, 2010
Location: DECD, 505 Hudson Street, Hartford, CT 06106, Room 466
Time: 3:00 – 5:00 PM
Purpose: In accord with Governor's Executive Order #39. The executive order establishes 45 day duration for the TF to meet, collect data and provide recommendations to the Governor.

Summary and Recommendations

1. Creation of an Expedited Permitting Office/single-point-of-contact/clearinghouse.
2. Establish project selection criteria for expedited permitting.
3. Address challenges associated with municipal permitting (timing, consistency).
4. Publicity for: past project success stories, progress made through LEAN; and future expedited permitting efforts is needed.
5. Identify permits which qualify for joint submission.

Talking Points

- Discussion of working group meetings
 - Expedited renewal of DEP permits where conditions have not changed.
 - Revisions to meeting notes and discussion of recommendations.
- Request for OLR Reports on CT Environmental Protection Act
- Eliminate one of two points for intervention within DEP discharge permit.
- DECD provided the TF with a list of six known bills currently in legislative review regarding permitting.
- Local Permitting
 - Permitting coordination at local level is critical to streamlining efforts for state permits.
 - State provides additional guidance to help municipalities adopt consistent regulations (ex. Stormwater, wetlands).
- Need for publicity
 - Permitting success stories: DEP address multi-permits (air, waste, water) at one hearing, DEP Inland Water Resources unites 7 separate applications into one.
 - Project success stories: Waterbury Brass Mill, Hartford Meadows Music Theater, East Hartford Rentschler Field, Bridgeport Derecktor Shipyard.
- Expedited Permitting structure options:
 - Project team composed of DEP, DOT, DPH would create collaboration between agencies and a sense of ownership and consistent personnel involvement.
 - Establish an office of permit ombudsman to act as a liaison with other agencies: similar to Office of Brownfield Remediation and Development as a "one stop shop" or "clearinghouse".
- Expedited Permitting Selection Criteria (ex. Industry, size, dollars, jobs).
- Permit wizard- an online tool to identify the basic permits, licenses, and registrations business may need by answering questions, providing resources and contacts.
- Massachusetts and New York State examples of expedited permitting programs.

Meeting Attendees

*Ms. Carol Wallace, Cooper – Atkins
*Mr. Eric Brown, Connecticut Business & Industry Association
*Ms. Beth Barton, Day Pitney LLP
*Ms. Bonnie DelConte, CONNSTEP, Inc.
*Peter Simmons for Commissioner Joan McDonald, DECD
*Mark Alexander for Commissioner Joseph Marie, DOT
*Mr. Bryan Garcia, Yale Environmental Center
*Graham Stevens, for Commissioner Amey Marrella, DEP
*Mr. Bruce L. McDermott, Wiggin and Dana LLP
Dean Applefield, DEP
Maya Loewenberg, DECD
Bert Sacco, Chairman TPA Design Group
Scott Simoneau, Principal Analyst, Legislative Investigations Committee
Janelle Stevens, Associate Legislative Analyst, Legislative Investigations Committee
Ann M. Catino, Halloran & Sage LLP
Denise Savageau, Director, Greenwich Conservation Commission, Town of Greenwich

* Member Permitting Task Force (TF)

Absent TF Members

Honorable Richard M. Moccia, City of Norwalk
Ms. Ellen Blaschinski, Department of Public Health
Mr. John Olsen, Connecticut AFL-CIO
Mr. Frank Johnson, Manufacturing Alliance of CT
Mr. Kenneth Olsen, POKO Partners LLC

Next meeting scheduled for March 18, 2010, 3:00 pm. DECD